



Acts and Laws

Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*: Begun and Held at *Boston* upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of *May* 1743, and continued by Adjournment and Prorogations to Wednesday the eighth Day of *February* following.

CHAP. VI.

An Act to explain a Paragraph in an Act of this Province made in the present Year of his Majesty's Reign, for the more speedy finishing the *Land Bank* or *Manufactory Scheme*.

WHEREAS in and by an Act made and pass'd at the Session of this Court held the twentieth Day of October last intitled An Act for the more speedy finishing the *Land Bank* or *Manufactory Scheme*, it is (among other Things) provided that the said Act "shall not be adjudged or construed to be intended to hinder the Possessors of any of the Manufactory Bills from making the same Demands upon any of the late Directors and Partners of the said late Manufactory Company for the Redemption of the said Bills, as they might have made upon them before the Publication of the said Act, and that the Estates of the said Directors and Partners shall be as liable to be attached at such Suits of the Possessors of the said Bills or of any other just Creditor, as they were before the making of the said Act, any Thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding." And in and by another Clause of the said Act it is enacted, That whereas several Parcels of the said Manufactory Bills may be lodged in some or other of his Majesty's Courts of Judicature within this Province upon Judgments obtained there by some of the Possessors of such Bills against some of the Directors or Partners of the late Land Bank Company for the Redemption of the said Bills; The Justices of the said Courts shall within thirty Days after the Publication of that Act cause such Bills to be delivered up to the aforesaid Commissioners with a Certificate of the Names of the Possessors

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“ who lodged the said Bills in Court, and of the Directors or Partners of the said late Company against whom Judgment was obtained for the Redemption of the said Bills.”

And whereas it may have happened that some of the Possessors of the said Manufactory Bills who had before the making of the aforesaid Act obtained Judgments in some or other of his Majesty's Courts of Judicature within this Province against some of the Directors or Partners of the said late Manufactory Company for the Value of some of the said Bills and Interest due thereon, pursuant to the Act of Parliament in that Case made and provided, and had thereupon lodged such Bills in the Court where they had obtained such Judgments, but had not then nor have yet received Satisfaction upon those Judgments.

And whereas some Doubt has arisen whether the Justices of his Majesty's Courts of Judicature where any of the said Manufactory Bills are lodged as aforesaid, are not directed and bound by the last recited Clause of the aforesaid Act of this Court to deliver up all the same without Exception to the aforesaid Commissioners, as well in Cases where the late Possessors of the said Bills who have obtained Judgment in their Court for the Value of the same and Interest due thereon with Costs of Suit, have not received full Satisfaction upon such Judgments, as in Cases where they have received Satisfaction upon the same; Which Construction of the said Clause is contrary to and inconsistent with the plain Sense of the herein before first recited Clause of the same Act, and to the Intent and Meaning of the said Act in general.

Now for removing the said Doubt and preventing any Misconstruction of the said Act in the Case before-mentioned :

Manufactory Bills that for which Value has been received only to be delivered to the Commissioners.

Be it enacted and declared by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That the true Intent and Meaning of the herein before recited Clauses of the aforesaid Act for the more speedy finishing of the Land Bank or Manufactory Scheme, was at the Time of passing the said Act, and shall be adjudged, construed and taken to be, that such only of the said Manufactory Bills, for the Value of which Judgments as aforesaid have been obtained, and the late Possessors have received full Satisfaction according to such Judgments, and it so appears by the Records of the said Courts, shall be delivered out of any of the said Courts of Judicature to the aforesaid Commissioners : Any Thing in the afore-recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. VII.

An Act to enable Justices of the Peace and Town Clerks to administer an Oath to Sealers of Weights and Measures, &c. and to establish their Fees.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by Law it is provided, that Sealers of Weights and Measures when chosen shall be presented to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be sworn, which by Reason of the Distance of many Towns in this Province from any such Court, often occasions great Delay and unnecessary Trouble.

For preventing of which for the future:

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